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Re: United States of America v. City of Albion, Michigan v. Cooper Industries, et al., Case No. 1:97-CV-1037 (W.D. Mich.);  
Sheridan Township Landfill, Calhoun County, Michigan

Dear Connie and Frank:

Enclosed is the Consent Decree signature page executed on behalf of the City of Albion agreeing to join in the settlement of the above-referenced "Superfund" litigation, following the City Council's approval of the Consent Decree on the evening of March 15. Please let me know if I should submit the original Consent Decree signature page for filing to you or the local U.S. Attorney's office.

This participation by the City is contingent upon approval of the Consent Decree by the other Settling Defendants (Cooper, Corning and Decker) and the United States, as well as entry by the Federal Court.

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The City of Albion's participation in this settlement and approval of the Consent Decree is without any admission of fault, wrong-doing, liability or responsibility, but is solely to accomplish the amicable resolution in compromise of this dispute.

Thank you for your patience while the City duly considered this significant settlement. If you have further questions in this regard, or if we can otherwise be of assistance, please call me.

Very truly yours,

VARNUM, RIDDERING, SCHMIDT & HOWLETT<sup>LLP</sup>  
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